both sides by removing the sand to such a depth as to make it below even the ordinary water level. That was dangerous as, with a small rise of water in the backwater, the bar would open at a time when it should not do. There was only a space of 25 ft. on the northern bank and 40 ft. on the southern bank. As the matter was very serious, he impressed upon the Government the urgent necessity of stopping the removal of sand from the bar and he requested that orders to that effect might be issued at a very early date.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

71. The need for gravelling the public way from Kuttitheruvu to Krishnapuram.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Pillai (Member, Karunagapalli taluk) said that his request was that the existing way from Kuttitheruvu to Krishnapuram should be gravelled and made into a cartable road.

Dewan's reply.—An estimate for Rs. 23,100 has already been sanctioned for opening a cart-road from Pullikanakku to Krishnapuram and special funds to the extent of Rs. 15,000 provided for the work in the current year. Land-plans and area lists have been received from the Chief Engineer. The work will therefore be commenced as soon as the lands required for the road are handed over.

72. Improvements to the roads and canals in the taluk with a view to facilitate traffic, irrigation and navigation.

Mr. K. Velayudhan Pillai (Member, Karthigapalli taluk) requested that, with a view to facilitate traffic, irrigation and navigation, the following measures be sanctioned by the Government :—

(1) The road from Nangiarkulangara to Kayenkulam should be gravelled.

(2) The road from Haripad Police Station to Thottappalli should also be gravelled.

(3) The Thottappalli *chira* should be strengthened, widened and rendered cartable. The proposal to construct flights of steps should be given up and instead, the two sides of the Thottappalli bridge should be raised and made fit for cart traffic.

(4) The portion of the Mavelikara–Thrikunnapuzha road from Karthigapalli to Thrikunnapuzha, about 2½ miles in length, was entirley neglected and very few inspecting officers had seen it. It was an important highway in the taluk and should be repaired.

Dewan.—An estimate for Rs. 19,700 has been sanctioned for improving the second section of this road. The portion of the road from Karthigapalli to Thrikunnapuzha comes as the seventh item in the programme of works for the Quilon Division and will be taken up in its turn.

(5) The road from Haripad to Veyapuram should be repaired and rendered safe for traffic.

(6) To the east of the public road from the Taluk Cutcherry, there was a sign board containing the direction 'Elanjil–8 miles.' There was no such road beyond one mile.

Dewan.—This road appears as the 22nd in the list of works for the Quilon Division and will be taken up in its turn.

(7) Some parts of the Mundattumkara *thodu* from Kollakadavu river to Aranazhikanelpura *thodu* had been registered prior to the settlement and several portions were encroached upon by adjacent land-holders. The canal was useful for irrigation purposes and was an easy route to Pallippad, Cheppad, Pathiyur and other places from

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the said Nelpura. The *thodu* should therefore be restored to its original condition of public utility.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

73. The conversion into a cart road of the village road from Vattakkadu to Puthiakavu.

Mr. K. Govinda Pillai (Member, Mavelikara taluk) requested that the village road from Vattakadu to Puthiakavu should be converted into a cart road, as that road would open up that part of the country and be a real benefit to the cultivators in the transport of manure etc.

Dewan's reply.—This road is included in the programme of works as the 42nd and will be taken up in its turn.

74. The unserviceable condition of some of the principal roads in the Karthigapalli taluk.

Mr. Sankaran Kochukunju Channar (Member, Nominated) requested that the road from Nangiarkulangara to Kayenkulam in the south and to Thrikunnapuzha in the west should be gravelled, that the road to Mavelikara in the east should be repaired and that a culvert should be constructed on the road to Haripad.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

75. Improvement of the Thazhakara Puncha lands by means of a canal from Vettiyar river.

Mr. P. Jacob Kurian (Member, T. I. C., Mavelikara) suggested the desirability of cutting a canal from the Vettiyar river to the Thazhakara *puncha* lands for the improvement of the *punja* lands, for facilitating the cultivation of larger areas remaining uncultivated, for easy communication from Kollakadavu to Mavelikara and for the development of trade in the town of Mavelikara. The people of the place had presented a petition to the Dewan on the subject during his last tour to the taluk.

If the proposal should be considered either impracticable or should take a long time to be given effect to, he requested that the existing canal through the Thazhakara *puncha* lands should at least be deepened, widened and improved immediately, in the interests of cultivation.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

76. The means of communication in the Chengannur taluk.

Mr. P. Narayana Pillai. (Member, Chengannur taluk) said that, with the exception of the Main Central Road, there was no cartable road in the taluk. During his last tour to the taluk, the inhabitants had presented a petition to the Dewan about the need for a few indispensable roads for the taluk. It was not his intention to ask for any big road, but only for the conversion of a few village roads, many of which were only a fraction of a mile in length, into cartable roads. They were the following :—

(1) The road from the Erapuzhakadavu to the Syrian church.
(2) The road from the Thrichittattu temple to the Main Central Road.
(3) The road from the Main Central road to the Satrom.
(4) The road from the Satrom to the Mithrapuzha kadavu.
(5) The road from the Satrom to the Public Offices.
(6) The road from the English Girls' School to the Salt Bankshall road.
(7) The road from the Salt Bankshall road to Puthenkavu church.

Dewan's reply.—An estimate for Rs. 980 has been sanctioned for improving the approach road from the Main Central Road to the Chengannur Satrom and the work will be taken up in due course. The Member's representation about the other roads are noted for consideration.

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